

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: CORE Mission

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Summary: Pursue partnerships with the FEMA Response and Recovery Directorate for undeclared disasters.

Recommendation: Establish a USFA response capability to major emergency incidents (undeclared disasters) that would allow FEMA's federal fire programs personnel to respond to capture critically important information needed to improve USFA programs, products, and services. Partnering with Response and Recovery Directorate would also include the need for interaction with the FEMA regional offices.

Background: Recommend a mechanism essentially identical to the one already used by the FEMA Response and Recovery Directorate for deployment of USFA assets in support of state and local governments during an incident. Such response capability would have to be in concert with established FEMA procedures regarding travel, time and attendance, health and safety protocols, supervisory controls, etc. Appropriate coordination with other FEMA operations on-scene would also need to be assured. Additionally, USFA would need to be "invited in" by the first responder community and be placed in accordance with locally accepted practices for scene control, use of personal protective equipment (for visibility/identification purposes not actual operational duties), personnel accountability tracking, etc.

1. Step(s) to Achieve:
 - Once the USFA, COO approves this recommendation, USFA response-working team will be identified and appointed to establish a partnership with the FEMA Response and Recovery Directorate.
 - Upon approval of this partnership, USFA would establish procedures to involve the USFA in responses to significant incidents (declared or undeclared disasters).
 - Additional FTEs and budgetary supplement would be required in order to perform disaster duties. If this requirement is not met, the current on-going daily mission requirements of USFA could not be completed.
2. Estimated Timeframe: Two years
3. Estimated Cost: Not able to determined at this time

4. Outcome: The USFA would establish procedures and partnerships to involve the USFA in responses to significant incidents. Additionally, USFA would establish a response capability to respond to emergency incidents (declared or undeclared disasters) to capture critically important information needed to improve USFA's programs, products, and services.

Conclusion:

The Core Mission Team supports this requirement.

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